value of coking coal imported by Steel Authority of India (SAIL) nd Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) during the last three years are as under:

Name of Company	year	Quantity of imports (Million. Tonnes.)	Approximate value (Rs. in crores)	
SAIL	1991-92	4.255	672.5	Including freight
	1992-93	4.248	779.6	
	1993-94	4.754	889.1	
VSP	1991-92	0.989	186.03	Landed Cost
	1992-93	1.658	355.94	
	1993-94	1.884	384.71	

(Source: SAIL & VSP)

(b) Broad specifications of imported coking coal are as under:

(i)	Ash	8—10%
(ii)	Fixed Carbon	62—67%
(iii)	Inherent Moisture	1.5%
(iv)	Crucible Swelling Number	6—8.5%
(v)	Sulphur	0.60% max
(vi)	Phosphorus	0.10% max

(c) and (d) Indian coking coals being of high inherent ash content cannot be economically beneficiated to the ash level equal to that of imported coking coals. Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI), Research & Development Centre for Iron & Steel (RDCIS) and Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDI), Ranchi through their collaborative efforts have identified beneficiation and utilisation processes through which low volatile coking coals of Jharia coalfields can be utilised in steel plant blend after beneficiating such coals to 18% ash level. Based on these studies Coal India Limited have decided to set up a washery on "Build-own-operate" basis for beneficiation of coal from Golukdih Opencast Project for supply to steel plants.

Dismissal of workers in BCCL

3483. SHRI A NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COAL be refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 5254 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether any intimation has been sent to BCCL management for awarding lesser punishment for alleged unauthorised absence of the staff instead of dismissal from service in accordance with the judgements of the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) All the Coal Companies have been advised to take action in such cases in the light of the judgement's of the Supreme Court.

Longwall Faces purchased/acquired by Coal India Limited

3485. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Longwall Faces purchased/acquired by Coal India Limited or its subsidiaries till now;

(b) the year of purchase /acquired, country from which purchased/acquired and the amount, if any, incurred thereon and the place of installing the Longwall Faces;

(c) what was the performance guarantee in each case;

(d) what was the contracted total production as well as production in each case;

(e) what is the actual production during 1993-94, total as well as in each case; and

(f) what are the detailed reasons for not achieving the contracted production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Till date Coal India Limited has purchased/aqcquired 29 Powered Support/Individual Support Longwall Faces.

(b) The details in respect of Powered Support Longwall Faces are given in Statement-I (*See* below As most of the Individual Support Longwall Faces were acquired many years ago and are no longer in working condition, details such as year of purchase, amount spent on their purchase are not readily available. However, the available information is indicated in Statement-II.

(c) Performance guarantee clause has been incorporated in CIL supply orders only from 1985 onward. The performance guarantee for the PSLW and ISLW equipment acquired from 1985 onward is given below:—

	Perfromance guarantee given by the supplier
P.S.L.W.	
(i) Jhanjra (former USSR) (1st and 2nd set)	Avg. 3.8 M. Adv./Day
(ii) Moonidih, ML-V (MAMC)	Avg. 4.5 M. Adv./Day
(iii) Moonidih, ML-VI (Jessop)	Avg. 3.0 M. Adv./Day
(iv) Bhalgora (Dhemomain) (Jessop)	Avg. 3.6 M. Adv./Day
(v) East katras (France)	Avg. 3.6 M. Adv./Dy
(vi) Moonidih ML-VII (Poland)	Avg. 5.4 M. Adv./Day
(vii) Churcha (Jessop)	Avg. 4.2 M. Adv./Day
(viii) Kottadih (France)	Avg. 4.55 M. Adv./Day
(ix) J.K. Nagar	Avg. 4.5 M. Adv./Day
I.S.L.W.	
North Amlabad- I	Avg. 0.625 M. Adv./Per working shift
North Amlabad-II	Avg. 0.75 M. Adv./Per working shift

(d) and (e) Other than the performance guarantees indicated, the suppliers did not provide any guaranteed production from these faces, except in the case of Kottadih project where the contractor has provided a guaranteed final production capacity of 1.39 m.t. p.a. for the whole maine during a continuous 12 month period within the contractual time. The actual production from the operating PSLW and ISLW sets in 1993-94 was 1.075 million tonnes and 0.136 million tonnes respectively. Production of coal from equipement in use (equipment-wise) is given below:—

Equipment	Prdouction (1993-94) (Million Toness)	Remarks
1	2	3
P.S.L.W.		
Moonidih		
ML-II	0.111	
ML-III	0.061	
ML-IV	—	Under capital overhauling

1	2	3
ML-V	0.176	
ML-VI	0.051	
ML-VII	0.167	
East Katras	0.069	
Dhemomain (4×370 TE)	—	Awaiting refurbishment
Dhemomain (Bhalgora) (4×550 TE)	—	Under shifting to Jhanjra
Seetalpur	—	Searching for alternative site
Jhanjra- I	—	Under face transfer
Jhanjra- II	0.440	
Pathakhera	—	To be surveyed off
Churcha	—	Awaiting renovation
	1.075	
I.S.L.W. North Amlabad- I	0.032	
North Amlabad- II	0.048	
Chinakuri	0.056	
	0.136	

(f) The production from Longwall face, inter-alia, depends on various factors like length of the face, length of the panel, height of extraction, hardness of coal, etc. Besides, the main constraints to achieve rated production from these faces are shortage of imported spares, geological disturbances and lack of components from Indian and overseas manufacturers.

Statement-I

Powered Support Longwall Equipment

Name of Project	FACE Nomanclature	Major Equipment Parameter & Country of Origin	Value in Rs. Crores	Year of Purchase
1	2	3	4	5
Moonidih*	ML-I	4×280 T (DOWTY, UK)	3.20	1977
Moonidih	ML-II	6×240 T (Polish)	3.30	1977
Dhemomain		4×370 T (Jessop/Gullick) India UK	8.86	1980
Seetalpur		6×240 T (Jessop/Gullick) India UK	3.15	1980

* Surveyed off.

1	2	3	4	5
Pathakhera		6×240 T (MAMC/Dowty) India UK	4.30	1980
Moonidih	ML-III	4×240 T (MAMC/Dowty) India UK	3.36	1981
Moonidih	ML-IV	4×325 T (MAMC/Dowty) India UK	3.89	1981
Moonidih	ML-V	4×400 T (MAMC/Dowty) India UK	21.28	1985
Moonidih	ML-VI	2×360 T Jessop, India/ Westfalia, Germany	20.95	1985
Dhemomain (Bhalgora)		4×550 T (Jessop/Gullick) India UK	21.13	1985
East Katras		4×400 T (France)	21.00	1987
Jhanjra- I		4×400 T (USSR)	14.00	1987
Jhanjra- II		4×400 T (USSR)	14.00	1987
Churcha		4×680 T (Jessop/Gullick) India UK	28.00	1987
J.K. Nagar **		4×550 T (MAMC/MECO) India UK	28.00	1987
Moonidih	ML-VII	4×400 T (Polish)	27.00	1989
Kottadih***		4×500 T (France)	82.00	1991

Statement-II

Individual Support Longwall Equipment

Sl. No.	Colliery	Country of Origin	year of Commission	Current Status
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Moonidih (BCCL)	INDIA	1976	Stopped
2.	Ninga (ECL)	-Do-	1977	-Do-
3.	Bijuri (SECL)	-Do-	1978	-Do-
4.	Banki(SECL)	INDIA/ FRANCE	1977	-Do-

** Planned to be installed in 1995-96.

*** Kottadih PSLW equipment under precommissioning trial since mid July, 1994.

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Surakachar (SECL)	-Do-	1977	-Do-
6.	Dhemomain (ECL)	UK/ GERMANY	1978	-Do-
7.	E. Katras (BCCL)	GERMANY	1978	-Do-
8.	Kottadih (ECL)	GERMANY	1979	-Do-
9.	Saunda "D" (CCL)	USSR/ GERMANY	1980	-Do-
10.	N. Amlabad (BCCL) 1ST	UK/ GERMANY	1991	Working
11.	N. Amlabad (BCCL) 2ND	-Do-	1993	-Do-
12.	Chinakuri (ECL)	USSR/ GERMANY	1977	-Do-

Supply and demand of coal by Maharashtra

3485. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's plan to allocate the district-wise quantity of coal during the year 1994-95 to meet the gap between the supply and demand of coal in various areas of Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that the annual allocation of coal from the central pool made to Maharashtra is comparatively less than that of other States;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any counter representation has been made by the State Government in this regared; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KIMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Demand for coal is assessed and supplies made unit/industry-wise and not district wise and/or State-wise. However, despatches of coal from Coal India Ltd. (CIL) to the consumers in the State of Maharashtra have shown consistent growth in last three years as may be seen from the following figures:

(Figs. in '000 tonnes)

Year	Coal supplies from CIL sources.
1991-92	23811
1992-93	24092
1003-94	27421

Coal companies have adequate coal stocks to meet the requirements of all consumers including consumers in Maharashtra. However, they have also been asked to step up despatches to varuious consumers in the country including Maharashtra.

Amount spent on advertisement

3486. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state the details of the total amount spent by his Ministry on advertisements given to the Newspapers direct or through DAVP etc. during the period 1992-93 and 1993-94, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KIMAR PANJA): The Ministry of Coal has not spent any amount on advertisements released to the newspapers direct or through DAVP during the period 1992-93 and 19993-94.